

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated herein. This listing of claims will replace all previous listings.

Claims 1-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method for preserving a wood product comprising the step of contacting the product with a wood preservative composition comprising: (a) **a dispersion in water of** micronized particles of **basic copper carbonate, copper carbonate or copper hydroxide between 0.001 and 25 microns**—~~an inorganic biocide selected from the group consisting of a metal, metal compound and combinations thereof~~; and (b) one or more organic biocides **selected from the group consisting of tebuconazole, alkyldimethylbenzylammonium chloride, dimethyldidecylammonium chloride, dimethyldidecylammonium carbonate, and dimethyldidecylammonium bicarbonate.**

Claims 24-28 (Cancelled).

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~23~~28, wherein the micronized particles ~~of the inorganic biocide~~ are copper carbonate **or basic copper carbonate** and the organic biocide is dimethyldidecylammonium carbonate.

Claim 30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the micronized particles ~~of the inorganic biocide~~ are copper carbonate **or basic copper carbonate** and the organic biocide is tebuconazole.

Claims 32-95 (Cancelled).

96. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the micronized particles ~~of the inorganic biocide~~ have a size of between **0.005**~~0.001~~ microns to 25 microns.

97. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 96, wherein the micronized particles ~~of the inorganic biocide~~ have a size of between 0.001 microns to 10 microns.

98. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 97, wherein the micronized particles ~~of the inorganic biocide~~ have a size of between 0.05 microns to 10 microns.

99. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 98, wherein the micronized particles ~~of the inorganic biocide~~ have a size of between 0.05 microns to 1.0 microns.

Claims 100-105. (Cancelled).

106. (Currently Amended) A method for preserving a wood product comprising the steps of (a) adding water to a concentrated wood preservative composition comprising a **dispersion in water of micronized particles of** copper carbonate **or basic copper carbonate** between ~~0.001~~0.005 and 25 microns to prepare a treating fluid and (b) pressure treating a wood product with the treating fluid.

107. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 106, wherein the wood preservative composition further comprises tebuconazole.

108. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~106~~107, wherein the micronized **particles of** copper carbonate **or basic copper carbonate**~~particles~~ are between ~~0.005~~0.05 and ~~10~~1 microns.

109. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 106, wherein the micronized **particles of** copper carbonate **or basic copper carbonate**~~particles are between and~~ **are between** 0.05 and 10 microns.

110. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 106, wherein the micronized **particles of** copper carbonate **or basic copper carbonate**~~particles~~ are between 0.05 and 1 microns.

111. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 106, wherein the wood preservative composition further comprises a quaternary ammonium compound.

Claims 112-113. (Cancelled)

114. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 111, wherein the quaternary ammonium compound is alkyldimethylbenzylammonium chloride, dimethyldidecylammonium chloride, dimethyldidecylammonium carbonate, or dimethyldidecylammonium bicarbonate.

115. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 111, wherein said treatment produces a uniform distribution of copper carbonate or basic copper carbonate throughout the wood product.

116. (Currently Amended) A method for preserving a wood product comprising the steps of contacting the product with a wood preservative composition comprising a milled copper carbonate or basic copper carbonate with a particle size of between 0.0010.005 and 25 microns.

117. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 116, further comprising tebuconazole.

118. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 116, wherein the wood preservative composition further comprises~~comprising~~ a quaternary ammonium compound.

Claims 119-120. (Cancelled)

121. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 118, wherein the quaternary ammonium compound is alkyldimethylbenzylammonium chloride, dimethyldidecylammonium chloride, dimethyldidecylammonium carbonate, or dimethyldidecylammonium bicarbonate.

122. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 116, wherein said treatment produces a uniform distribution of copper carbonate or basic copper carbonate throughout the wood product.

Claims 123-128 (Cancelled).

129. (Currently Amended) A method for preserving a wood product comprising the step of contacting the product with an aqueous wood preservative composition comprising: (a) a dispersion in water of micronized particles of copper carbonate or basic copper carbonate milled to between 0.05 and 1 microns; (b) dimethyldidecylammonium carbonate; and (c) dimethyldidecylammonium bicarbonate.

130. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 129, wherein said treatment produces a uniform distribution of copper carbonate or basic copper carbonate throughout the wood product.

131. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 129, wherein the wood product after the contacting step is resistant to decay and insect attack.

132. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 130, wherein the wood product after the contacting step is resistant to decay and insect attack.

133. (Currently Amended) A method for preserving a wood product comprising the step of contacting the product with an aqueous wood preservative composition comprising: (a) a dispersion in water of micronized particles of copper carbonate or basic copper carbonate milled to between 0.05 and 1 microns.

134. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 133, wherein said treatment produces a uniform distribution of copper carbonate or basic copper carbonate throughout the wood product.

135. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 133, wherein the wood product after the contacting step is resistant to decay and insect attack.

136. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 134, wherein the wood product after the contacting step is resistant to decay and insect attack.

137. (Currently Amended) A method for preserving a wood product comprising the step of contacting the product with an aqueous wood preservative composition comprising: (a) a dispersion in water of micronized particles of copper carbonate or basic copper carbonate between 0.05 and 1 microns; and (b) tebuconazole.

138. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 137, wherein said treatment produces a uniform distribution of copper carbonate or basic copper carbonate throughout the wood product.

139. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 137, wherein the wood product after the contacting step is resistant to decay and insect attack.

140. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 138, wherein the wood product after the contacting step is resistant to decay and insect attack.

141. (Currently Amended) A method for preserving a wood product comprising the step of contacting the product with an aqueous wood preservative composition comprising: (a) a dispersion in water of micronized particles of copper carbonate or basic copper carbonate milled to between 0.05 and 1 microns; and (b) tebuconazole.

142. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 141, wherein said treatment produces a uniform distribution of copper carbonate or basic copper carbonate throughout the wood product.

143. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 141, wherein the wood product after the

contacting step is resistant to decay and insect attack.

144. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 142, wherein the wood product after the contacting step is resistant to decay and insect attack.

145. (New) The method of claim 116, wherein the treatment of wood is carried out by pressure treatment.

146. (New) The method of claim 129, wherein the treatment of wood is carried out by pressure treatment.

147. (New) The method of claim 133, wherein the treatment of wood is carried out by pressure treatment.

148. (New) The method of claim 137, wherein the treatment of wood is carried out by pressure treatment.

149. (New) The method of claim 116, wherein the wood product after the contacting step is resistant to decay and insect attack.

150. (New) The method of claim 145, wherein the wood product after the contacting step is resistant to decay and insect attack.

151. (New) The method of claim 146, wherein the wood product after the contacting step is resistant to decay and insect attack.

152. (New) The method of claim 147, wherein the wood product after the contacting step is resistant to decay and insect attack.

153. (New) The method of claim 148, wherein the wood product after the contacting step is resistant to decay and insect attack.